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IN RE APPLICATION OF: WANG, Chun et al.

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EXAMINER: RITA MITRA

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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Interview Summary mailed January 21, 2004.

Affirmation of Election

Applicants confirm election without traverse to prosecute the invention of claims 20-22

Statement of Substance of Interview

Applicants agree with the Examiner's substance of the interview included with the Notice of Allowance mailed January 21, 2004. Specifically, the substance of the

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interview held on January 6, 2004 included the Examiner's amendment to the specification by entering the continuing data on page 1, line 1. Additionally, the Examiner amended claims 20 and 21 and added Applicants' proposed new claims 23-31.

Applicants believe that no fees are due with this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2586.

Respectfully submitted,

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